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SUBJECT: POST-SHIPMENT CHECK, NICHIMIMEN INTERNATIONAL S.A.,

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1. TO DATE EMBASSY UNABLE DETERMINE AND DOCUMENT ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF ELEVEN TELETYPE MACHINES IDENTIFIED ON NICHIMEN INVOICE OF SEPTEMBER 2 DUE TO NON-COOPERATION OF NICHIMEN PANAMA OFFICE. NICHIMEN MANAGER, JOOFU HOORI, DECLINES DISCUSS SALE OF THIS EQUIPMENT WITHOUT PERMISSION OF FIRM'S PRESIDENT, YOSHIHIRO NAYO, WHO NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN UNTIL JANUARY 24. EMBOFF WILL MAKE ONE OR MORE UN-ANNOUNCED CALLS ON NICHIMEN INTERNATIONAL OVER NEXT FEW DAYS AND REPORT RESULTS.

2. PANAMERICAN AIRWAYS (PAA) OFFERED PROVIDE INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS RELATING TO DISPOSITION MADE AT TOCUMEN AIRPORT OF 64 CARTONS (PRESUMED TO CONTAIN 9 OF THE 11 TELETYPES INVOICED SEPT. 2) LISTED ON ITS AWB 026-1214-8452. RESULTS OF PAA INVESTIGATION NOT YET AVAILABLE.

3. ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF ONE AUTOMATIC TELETYPE MACHINE SHIPPED UNDER BRANIFF AWB 002-0772-9724 APPEARS TO BE CONSIGNEE SHOWN THEREON: COMPANIE PANAMENA DE AVIACION (COPA). BRANIFF GENERAL MANAGER JOHN POWELL PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THIS SHIPMENT OF 8

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CARTONS: DATE OF ARRIVAL O/A SEPTEMBER 11; SEVEN BOXES

PICKED UP BY HERNANDEZ OF COPA SEPTEMBER 15 AND ONE BOX
BY JIMENEZ OF COPA SEPTEMBER 24. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH SEVERAL
COPA AIR CARGO PERSONNEL, INCLUDING AIR CARGO SUPERVISOR,
NONE OF WHOM ABLE LOCATE RECORD OF FURTHER AIR SHIPMENT THIS
CARGO. COPA GENERAL MANAGER, CAPTAIN CORRIZO EXPLAINED THAT
AIRLINE IN PROCESS EXPANDING TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN
PANAMA AND BRANCHES ELSEWHERE CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.
HIS PRESUMPTION THAT TELETYPE RECEIVED FROM BANIFF INSTALLED
PANAMA, WAS CONFIRMED BY A MEMBER OF HIS STAFF, WHO PRODUCED
COPIES OF NICHIMEN INVOICE 713500 OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1975, AND
BRANIFF AWB. EMBOFF REQUESTED AND AWAITING FURTHER SUPPORTING
DOCUMENTATION. HE WILL VISIT COPA AND ASK TO SEE THE NEWLY-
INSTALLED TELETYPE IF RESULTS NOT FORTHCOMING SOON. WITHOUT
COOPERATION LOCAL NICHIMEN BRANCH AND AGENCIES BOUTMAN (NAMED
ON 1974 SALES CONTRACT) WHICH ALSO WERE CONTACTED, EMBASSY MAY BE
UNABLE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDE ITS INVESTIGATION SOON. SINCE
CONSIGNEE IS MERELY LOCAL BRANCH OF NICHIMEN CO. OF NEW YORK
CITY IT
POSSIBLE THAT HEAD OFFICE MIGHT HAVE RECORDS REFLECTING
ULTIMATE BUYER. IF NICHIMEN ANXIOUS SHIP REMAINING MACHINES
IT WOULD BE IN ITS INTEREST TO COOPERATE.

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